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SUBJECT:DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, L975

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS. ARA, NEA, EB, PM AND H DID NOT SUBMIT.

AF - EDWARD W. MULCAHY, ACTING

JAPAN AND AFRICA: JAPANESE DCM NISHIDA, WHO WILL REPRESENT HIS EMBASSY AT AN AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE IN PARIS NEXT WEEK, CAME IN FOR AN OVERVIEW OF US-AFRICAN RELATIONS. AS HE KNOWS AFRICA HIS QUESTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS WERE ALL TO THE POINT. HE HAS AGREED TO COME IN FOR ANOTHER SESSION WHEN HE RETURNS.

LIBERIA: I SPOKE WITH CONGRESSMAN RANGEL AS WELL AS WITH AMBASSADOR MEL MANFULL TODAY ON THE BLACK CAUCUS' PLANS FOR THEIR DINNER HONORING PRESIDENT TOLBERT A MONTH FROM TODAY. THE CAUCUS IS SEEKING OUR HELP IN "NOT SENDING TOLBERT AWAY EMPTY-HANDED". WE ARE LOOKING INTO OUR AID ARSENAL TO SEE IF WE CAN FIND SOMETHING ATTRACTIVE TO
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ANNOUNCE.

TOMORROW: I PLAN TO SEE CONGRESSMAN DIGGS ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERIODIC BRIEFINGS ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

EA HABIB

SWISS CHARGE CALL. THE SWISS CHARGE CAME BY FOR A TOUR D'HORIZON ON EA. HE EXPRESSED UNCOMMON INTEREST IN WHETHER WE MIGHT BE PROVIDING AID TO VIET-NAM. I TOLD HIM FLATLY THAT WE WILL NOT DO SO.

EA BUREAU REORGANIZATION. WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE FUNCTIONS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE EA BUREAU, AND HAVE NOW DECIDED ON A NUMBER OF CHANGES DESIGNED TO STREAMLINE THE BUREAU OPERATIONS. WE WILL BE MAKING SOME PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS IN THIS EFFORT.

EUR - JAMES G. LOWENSTEIN, ACTING:

YUGOSLAVS AND THE SPECIAL SESSION. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR GRANFIL CAME IN TO SEE JACK ARMITAGE TO FOLLOW UP ON THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. HE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN BEING BRIEFED ON OUR APPROACH TO THE SPECIAL SESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC'S UNDERSTANDING WITH YOU IN BELGRADE. ENDERS WILL SEE HIM MONDAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTIONS. GRANFIL ALSO ASKED FOR OUR AGREEMENT FOR HIS SUCCESSOR, DIMCE BELOVSKI, A MACEDONIAN EXPERT IN US MATTERS, RECENTLY THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS HEAD OF THE SOCIALIST ALLIANCE, THE YUGOSLAV FRONT ORGANIZATION.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE. AT LUNCH ARMITAGE REITERATED TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK CHARGE BUZEK OUR DISPLEASURE AT THE CZECH PERFORMANCE ON THE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE IN THE COMMITTEE OF TWENTY-FOUR AND NOTED THAT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS COULD NOT REMAIN UNAFFECTED BY WHAT WE HAD MADE CLEAR WAS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT. WHEN BUZEK ASKED, ARMITAGE SAID THAT HARTMAN WOULD PROBABLY BE PROCEEDING WITH PLANS TO VISIT PRAGUE IF IT COULD BE WORKED CONFIDENTIAL

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INTO HIS SCHEDULE BUT THAT NO CABINET-LEVEL VISIT WAS LIKELY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

OVER-ZEALOUS GAO. SOVIET MINISTER-COUNSELOR VASEK CAME TO SEE ARMITAGE TO SEEK ADVICE ON A GAO REQUEST SENT DIRECTLY TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ON SOVIET BREEDER REACTOR RESEARCH AND ITS COMPARABILITY TO THAT OF THE US. ARMITAGE SAID THIS WAS A REQUEST UNUSUAL

IN OUR EXPERIENCE AND WE WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY. WE WILL CHECK THIS OUT WITH L AND WITH ERDA BUT IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE GAO HAS OVER-STEPPED ITSELF AND WILL HAVE TO BE BROUGHT UP RATHER SHARPLY.

IO - BLAKE

1. DISCUSSED WITH JAPANESE MINISTER, AT HIS INITIATIVE, THE UNFAVORABLE IMPACT OF RECENT JAPANESE STATEMENTS PREDICTING TROUBLE FOR OUR GA RESOLUTIONS ON KOREA.

2. DISCUSSED WITH AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR HIS GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE FOR THE TRANSFER OF ECE FROM GENEVA TO VIENNA.

L - GEORGE H. ALDRICH, ACTING

-- ALDRICH DRAFTED A FIRST VERSION OF POSSIBLE PROHIBITIONS ON THE USE OF SMALL ARMS AND FRAGMENTATION WEAPONS WHICH WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT. WHEN REFINED AND COUPLED WITH SIMILAR DRAFTS ON INCENDIARIES AND LAND MINES, THESE DRAFTS WILL FORM THE BASIS FOR STUDY BY STATE, DEFENSE, AND ACDA, WITH A VIEW TO DEVELOPING A COORDINATED GOVERNMENT POSITION PRIOR TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IN APRIL, 1976. IT IS THE BEGINNING OF A LONG PROCESS WHICH WILL INCLUDE CONSIDERABLE COORDINATION WITH OUR ALLIES.

-- FELDMAN ATTENDED INTER-AGENCY MEETING ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE OECD. INGERSOLL

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